

October 8, 2002

TO: Federal Communications Commission

FROM: Lou Gomez, Executive Director
Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, I strongly urge you to support SBC Pacific Bell's entry into the long distance market.

SBC Pacific Bell's long distance application has undergone numerous hearings, reviews, testing, and filings over the past four years. The company has met the requirements imposed by the California Public Utilities Commission and your agency. It's time to allow them into the long distance market and give consumers another, choice for not only long distance but also all their telecommunications needs.

To date, 15 states have approved applications and received FCC approval. More than 100 million Americans are benefiting from the increase in telecommunications competition. Members of our chamber, as well as all Californians deserve to have lower prices and a choice for better service. Again I strongly urge to consider SBC Pacific Bell's application to provide long distance service.

Sincerely,

Lou Gomez, Executive Director
Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce